

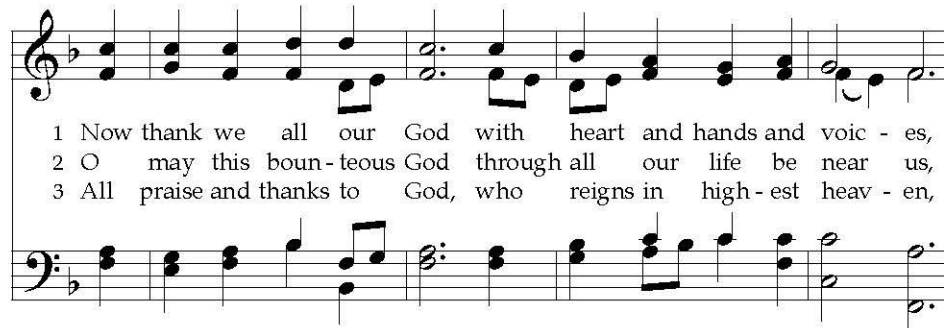


Gathering

*HYMN 643 “Now Thank We All Our God” NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

THANKSGIVING

643 Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high-est heav-en,



who won-drous things hath done, in whom this world re-joic-es;
 with ev-er joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us;
 to Fa-ther and to Son and Spir-it now be giv-en:



who, from our moth-ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
 the one e-ter-nal God, whom heaven and earth a-dore,



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ev-er-more.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

TEXT: Martin Rinkart, c. 1636; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.
 MUSIC: Johann Crüger, 1647; harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

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THIRD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Rev. Karen Wright
Emily Nelson Dixon

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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(Children ages 4 through 1st grade may go to Awakening to Worship, our child-friendly worship time. Greeters at the back of the Sanctuary will go with children to Room 12 downstairs where parents may pick up their children following worship. Our Nursery welcomes young children and our ushers can assist families to the nursery located in the children's wing. Worship bags are available for children who stay in worship.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Even when we cannot see God's hand at work, we are invited to trust that God's grace is steady and sure. Let us come before God with honesty and hope, trusting that the One who sees us — like Zacchaeus in the tree — also loves us and calls us by name.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Patient and Faithful God, we confess that we grow weary in waiting. When justice seems delayed, we doubt You are listening. When life feels unfair, we assume You are absent. We rush to fix things ourselves, forgetting that Your vision unfolds in its own time. Like Zacchaeus, we sometimes hide in the branches — curious but unwilling to be changed. Yet You look up, call us down, and invite Yourself in. Forgive us when we fail to see Your quiet work in our world, in our neighbors, and within us. Teach us to trust what we cannot yet see, and to live by faith and not by sight. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the good news: God's mercy does not wait until we get it right. While we are still searching, Christ finds us. While we are still waiting, the Spirit moves within us. The righteous live by faith—faith in the One who calls us beloved, forgives our sin, and renews our lives. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ONE: May the peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you and all others!

*HYMN 39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

FAITHFULNESS

39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

**Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."*

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22–23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness!
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
날 마 다 자 비 를 베푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

Equipping

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 19:1–10 (NRSVue)

Jane Knoche

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to

see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

ANTHEM

“Overture on an Early American Folk Hymn”

Claude T. Smith

GCPC Wind Ensemble

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4 (NRSVue)

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,

and you will not listen?

Or cry to you “Violence!”

and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrongdoing

and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;

strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack,

and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous;

therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost

and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me

and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,

so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time;

it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;

it will surely come; it will not delay.

Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,

but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“The Work of Waiting”

Rev. Karen Wright

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & RECOGNITION OF THE SAINTS

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

arr. Bill Ingram

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

Jubilation! Ringers

Bob Dover, clarinet

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

Music During Communion

Prayer After Communion

Sending

*HYMN 326

“For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE

For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

THE CHURCH

Harmony, stanza 3

3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!

We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet

all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

to stanza 4

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Karen Wright

POSTLUDE

“Overture on an Early American Folk Hymn”

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GCPC Wind Ensemble

**Stand in body or spirit*

GOD’S PEACE TO YOU

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Lane Benton

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